

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with regard to the above-mentioned Patent Application Serial No. 10/693,625.

Claims 1-22 are in the case.

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 2-22 have been added.

The Drawing has been amended to include formal versions of the previously filed Figures. No new matter has been entered, and the Drawing is believed to be in allowable condition.

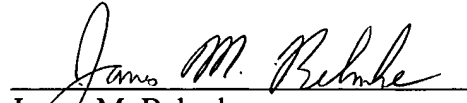
All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims, and therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in order to advance the prosecution of this application in any respect. Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James M. Behmke", written over a horizontal line.

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